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SUBJ: SPECULATION ON NEW NATO BASE IN NORTH NORWAY DENIED

1. FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND STRONGLY DENIED A REPORT THAT THE US AND NORWAY ARE CONDUCTING EXPLORATORY TALKS REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW NATO BASE IN NORTH NORWAY AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR KEFLAVIK IN A BRIE ARTICLE PUBLISHED JANUARY 9 BY LABOR PARTY DAILY ARBEIDERBLADET.

2. ARBEIDERBLADET'S BONN CORR SPONDENT BASED ARTICLE ON REPORT FROM FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU JOURNALIST IN BRUSSELS, ERICH HAUSER. SIMILAR BUT MORE LENGTHY DISPATCH FROM NORWEGIAN CORRESPONDENT IN BONN FOR SENSATIONALIST DAILY DAGBLADET WAS NOT PUBLISHED TODAY. DAGBLADET CALLED EMBASSY TO VERIFY ACCURACY OF REPORT AND, WHEN INFORMED THAT US IS NOT DISCUSSING NORTH NORWAY SUBSTITUTE FOR KEFLAVIK NATO BASE WITH NORWEGIANS, MAY HAVE DECIDED AGAINST PUBLI-
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3. FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS
VIBE RAISED SUBJECT DURING CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFFS JANUARY
8 AND SAID FOREIGN MINISTRY RESPONDED TO PRESS INQUIRIES WITH
STATEMENT THAT MINISTRY KNOWS OF NO SUCH EXPLORATORY TALKS
AND THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE WHATSOEVER IN NORWAY'S "BASE
POLICY." VIBE, WHO HAD HIMSELF RECEIVED CLIPPING IN SAME
VAIN FROM LIVERPOOL PAPER, EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THIS SORT
OF PUBLICITY COULD GIVE ICELANDERS "WRONG" IDEAS ABOUT SOLVING
THEIR PROBLEM AND MIGHT HAVE NEGATIVE IMPACT ON CONTINUING,
DELICATE US-ICELANDIC NEGOTIATIONS.
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